



In re GRIFFITHS, et al.

Attorney Docket No. SD8263

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: GRIFFITHS, et al.)

Serial Number: 09/714,410)

Examiner: MUTSCHLER B.

Filed: 11/14/00)

Group Art Unit: 1753

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)

PRODUCING A THIN SAMPLE BAND)

IN A MICROCHANNEL DEVICE)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Respected Examiner:

Applicants, through their representative, respectfully submit the following response, amendment, remarks and petition for extension of time as responsive to the Office Action mailed 10/17/03 (Paper No. 2). In view of the amendments below and accompanying remarks, Applicants request reconsideration of claims now presented.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 41 are pending in the present application.

Claims 31 – 41 are withdrawn from consideration.

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 10 – 13, and 29 – 41 without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14 – 17, 22, 26, and 28 be amended. As required 37 CFR §1.121(c), the newly added Claims are provided in a separate section entitled "Amendments to the CLAIMS."

IN THE SPECIFICATION

As required by 37 CFR §1.121(b)(iii), a separate section is attached to this paper that includes pages entitled "Amendments to the SPECIFICATION", in which the changes made to each of the amended PARAGRAPHS is shown. Instructions for amending the Specification are provided below.